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EXAMINING GROUP 2137**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/923,588

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§ Group/Art Unit: 2137  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 20, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.